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## PRESS

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**Press Release issued:** [U.S. EPA orders manufacturing company to investigate contamination at San Benito Superfund Site](#)

**KEYT/KCOY** (Ed Zuchelli) [Received 12/13]—CLOSED—Reporter was looking for confirmation that EPA raided Greka Offices. Referred reporter to U.S. Attorney's office. SoCal. CID, Nahal Mogharabi.

**Noozhawk** (Janene Scully) [Received 12/13]—CLOSED—Reporter was looking for confirmation that EPA raided Greka Offices. Referred reporter to U.S. Attorney's office. SoCal. CID, Nahal Mogharabi.

**The Guardian** (Jemima Kiss) [Received 12/12]—CLOSED—Reporter was looking for national information on extra waste collected during the Christmas season. Sent reporter HQ press contact information. Nahal Mogharabi.

**Santa Barbara News Press** (Scott Stapleton)[Received 12/13]—CLOSED— Will run WOTUS Op-Ed by RA in Sunday's Opinion section of the paper. SoCal. WTR, Nahal Mogharabi.

**Salinas Californian** (Chelancy Adami) [Received 12/13]—CLOSED—Is thinking of tentatively running WOTUS Op-Ed by RA in Friday's paper. WTR, Nahal Mogharabi.

**San Luis Obispo Tribune** (Stephanie Finucan) [Reached out 12/13] Submitted copy of WOTUS Op-Ed by RA for consideration. Have not heard back. WTR, Nahal Mogharabi.

**Ventura County Star** (Andrea Howry) [Reached out 12/13] Submitted copy of WOTUS Op-Ed by RA for consideration. Have not heard back. WTR, Nahal Mogharabi.

**SF Weekly** (Ida Mojada) [Received 12/13]—CLOSED— Reporter asked if DOE proposal on radioactive waste would have an impact on Hunters Point cleanup. Coordinated with program, sent response. Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan NorCal, SFD

## Guam/CNMI Grant PR Coverage:

CNMI:

<https://www.saipantribune.com/index.php/kilili-10-1m-for-marianas-water-projects>

<http://www.mvariety.com/cnmi/cnmi-news/local/109456-epa-awards-12-2-million-to-nmi>

Guam:

<http://www.kuam.com/story/39620700/usepa-gives-dollar14-million-to-guam>

## WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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### Social Media:

**Camp Fire** – Shared a post to our [Twitter](#) page about an upcoming public meeting in Redding.

**Environmental Education/Watersheds** – Posted to our [Twitter](#) page a video, [Exploring Your Watershed](#), for schools to use for teaching elementary school students about watersheds.

### Web Updates:

**Navajo Nation/Mines** – Completed routine maintenance and reorganized documents on our [Navajo Nation: Cleaning Up Abandoned Uranium Mines](#) site.

### Online Updates:

**News this Week** – Highlighted a new [feature story](#) on lead exposure, the [scientific integrity survey](#) deadline, the [CFC](#) and the [call for winter photos](#).

## CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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**Government Shutdown Prospects:** The House has gavelled out of session until next Wednesday with no government-funding solution in the offing. That will leave an evening session Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to prevent the shutdown. The top Republican on the Senate Appropriations Committee, Alabama's Richard Shelby, says he thinks a partial government shutdown is all but inevitable. The Alabama Republican told reporters Thursday there are a lot of "thoughts" about how to keep the nine departments and assorted agencies that don't yet have full-year spending bills open beyond December 21, but said none of those have crystallized into a plan. Shelby said the options being discussed include passing a temporary funding extension until the day after Christmas, passing a continuing resolution until January 3 at 11:59 p.m. (just after the beginning of the next Congress), passing a stopgap spending bill until late January, or February, or possibly May. There are also discussions about advancing a continuing resolution that would last until the end of fiscal year 2019 on September 30.

**Sen. Feinstein Staff Inquiry on Cargill and a Forthcoming Jurisdictional Decision/Determination:** Brent Maier received an inquiry from John Murray in Sen. Feinstein's San Francisco Office. John stated that a constituent had contacted the Senator's office asking about the Cargill facility in the South Bay and an upcoming jurisdictional decision as to whether Cargill was subject to WOTUS. John wanted to confirm his understanding that EPA intervened with the ACOE and stated that EPA would be making the determination. The constituent, whom he did not name, also told the Senator's office that they were hearing that EPA was going to be issuing an opinion on this in the near future. Brent reached out to Office of Regional Counsel's Sylvia Quast and will follow up with John Murray following any guidance/information provided by Sylvia.

**Congressional Outreach on New Idria Mine Press Release:** Brent Maier shared today's press release with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris and Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20) announcing an EPA settlement with Buckhorn Inc. to study contamination at the New Idria Mercury Mine Superfund Site in San Benito County. The work is expected to take over two years to complete at a cost of approximately \$2 million.

### Upcoming Congressional Meetings/Calls, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:

**Tuesday, December 20, 2018 – San Francisco Supervisor-Elect Shamann Walton:** Supervisor-Elect Walton for the 10<sup>th</sup> San Francisco District reached out to Superfund's John Chesnutt to request a meeting with to discuss testing at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. The meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2018.

**Thursday – Friday, January 10 – 11, 2019 - EPA Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC):** The LGAC will have their next face to face meeting January 10 -11, 2019, at EPA Headquarters. A New Members Orientation session will be held for new and returning Members. The public meeting will feature Senior EPA officials and a panel of Assistant Administrators from the EPA Program offices. Also, there will be an Intergovernmental Forum with guest speakers of national intergovernmental organizations for a featured discussion on risk communication and local governments. The LGAC Water Workgroup will meet December 10th 4:30-5:30 pm which will feature Eric Burneson, Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water, to give an update on drinking water and toxic algal blooms. The meeting will also feature a presentation by Betsy Behl with the Office of Science and Technology on innovative detection and monitoring technologies. The Revitalizing Communities Workgroup will hold a preparatory call on Thursday, December 13, 2018, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. to discuss and provided feedback on the January LGAC agenda. OCIR will soon announce a solicitation to fill LGAC and SCAS 2019. Eligible membership includes nominees who currently serve in elected or appointed office of state, local and tribal government. It is anticipated that there will up to 15 vacancies to fill in 2019 on the LGAC. OCIR Contact: Fran Eargle

**Wednesday – Friday, January 23 – 25, 2019 - U.S. Conference of Mayors 2019 Winter Meeting:** The US Conference of Mayors will convene its 87th Winter Meeting in Washington, DC, January 23 – 25, 2019. Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin (Columbia, SC), serves as President, and will preside. Mayors Bryan K. Barnett (Rochester Hills, MI) and Greg Fischer (Louisville, KY) are Vice President and Second Vice President, respectively. Resolutions are not considered during the Winter Meeting. However, Policy Committees (including the Environment Committee, Chaired by Mayor Francis X Suarez, Miami, FL) are expected to convene in Concurrent Working Sessions throughout the conference. The Mayors Water Council will convene on Wednesday January 23rd. Mayors David J. Berger (Lima, OH), and Jill Techel (Napa, CA) are Co-Chairs. The Council has invited Dave Ross, Assistant Administrator for Water, and Lee Forsgren, Deputy Assistant Administrator, to address the mayors on EPA's Priorities and provide updates. Both spoke to the convening during the 2018 Winter Meeting. It is anticipated that OW leadership will provide brief overviews and spend the remainder of their time responding to questions and engaging in dialogue with the mayors. Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR) staff will work with OW and USCM staff to finalize the details of this appearance. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon